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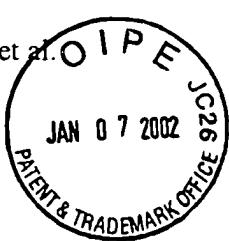
In re Application of:

Prasad Dasika, et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
AUTOMATICALLY PROVISIONING  
AN OVERHEAD BYTE



Group Art Unit: 2152

Examiner: Unassigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449 and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002 in an envelope marked as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EV051635285US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies this document as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document.

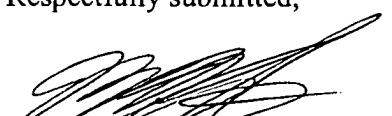
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO 1449 Form, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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